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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a wiper arm, especially for window wiping systems in vehicles, comprising a wiper arm fixing part and a wiper arm articulated part, characterized in that the wherein said wiper arm articulated part is stamped out of a sheet metal material which is precoated on one side, and then is bent in such a way that the coated surface is placed on the inside, in that the said wiper arm fixing part is joined to the said wiper arm articulated part by means of a hinge pin, and in that the said wiper arm is then provided with a layer of paint by means of a spraying or powder technique.
2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the wherein said wiper arm articulated part is produced from a precoated sheet metal material having a thickness of approximately 1.2 to approximately 2 mm.
3. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the wherein said wiper arm articulated part is bent so that it has a cross section in the form of a U-shaped channel.
4. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein a coil coating material is used as the sheet metal material which is precoated on one side.
5. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the wherein said wiper arm fixing part is designed as a die-cast metal part.

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6. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the wherein said wiper arm fixing part is designed with a bearing bushing for the passage of the bearing pin.
7. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the wherein said bearing pin projects through the parallel legs of the said wiper arm articulated part and is designed as a rivet with a rivet head at one end and a clinched area at the other axial end.
8. (Withdrawn) A wiper arm with a flat wiper blade, comprising a wiper arm fixing part and a wiper arm articulated part which is joined to the latter by a hinge pin, said wiper arm articulated part having a cross section in the form of a generally U-shaped channel, characterized in that the wiper arm articulated part is made from a sheet metal material which is precoated on one side and has a thickness of approximately 1.2 to approximately 2 mm, and the coated surface is arranged on the inside.